



REMARKS

Claims 26-50 have been withdrawn as they are directed to a non-elected invention.

New claim 51 includes original claim 12 combined with the limitations of original claims 1 and 11. As indicated by the Examiner, new claim 51 should be in condition for allowance.

Claim 17 and 19 have been amended to include the limitations of original claim 16, and as indicated by the Examiner, should now be allowable along with dependent claims 18 and 20.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation of synthesizing the courtesy message according to a sequence of button presses. Applicant wishes to point out that Gusler consistently requires the courtesy message to be pre-recorded (including the claims presented by Gusler), and never mentions customizing or synthesizing the courtesy message for specific instances of use. Applicant's disclosure talks much about customizing the courtesy message according to a sequence of button presses, which enables more information to be conveyed to the calling party. Note on page 13, line 27 of applicant's specification where there is reference to the messages being "synthesized in real-time". Thus, applicant feels that the ability to synthesize the messages played for the calling party according to a sequence of button presses is neither disclosed nor taught by Gusler or a combination of Gusler with other prior art. Applicant respectfully requests that amended claim 1 and dependent claims 2-7 be allowed.

Claims 21-25 have been left in their original state since the Examiner had previously deemed them to be allowable.